# The Watertown City Historian's Office

### A Reference and Research Room

"History should not be a burden to the memory, but rather an inspiration to the soul."

We have over 350 notebooks on subjects pertaining to village and city history as well as information on Jefferson County and surrounding areas.

<u>Come browse through our shelves</u> (topics include)...

Military Banks Churches
Parks Industry Trains
Profilers Femous N

Business Trolleys Famous Men & Women

Entertainment Public Square Inventions
Fountains Fairs Monuments
Courts Wars Schools

Clubs Hospitals Urban Renewal (Just To Name A Few!!!)

### Research Material:

- •We have maps, news clippings, photos and postcards as well as books, pamphlets and scrapbooks.
- •Indexes of City births, deaths and marriages from 1883-1915 are on file.
- •Village and City Directories from 1840 and books on New York State and Jefferson County history.

# Mission Statement

The mission of the City Historian's Office shall be to collect, preserve and document the history, historical records and data pertaining to the City of Watertown. Collections shall include books, maps, newspapers, genealogies, photos, manuscripts, letters, journals and other materials that may establish or illustrate such history or growth and progress of the community. Also, the office shall store and display therein the objects of historical interest and will promote an interest in the City's history.

# **Genealogy Information:**

Copies of family trees and information have been donated to the Office from many families in our community.

#### Did you know?

The City Historian will provide history programs for schools, organizations or groups. The Office will also make available displays for special events as well as window displays.

COME ONE COME ALL ----- We welcome students, teachers, genealogists, researchers and "Lovers of History" to visit our Historian's Office and peruse the material. The office is staffed by volunteers who enjoy history and who will assist with any research you might have.

Hours are from 1:00 – 4:00 PM on Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday Other times by appointment.

No material may be removed from the Office.

However, copies will be made for a nominal fee by the volunteers.

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